

SHELLS FALL
IN GORIZIA

Italian Cannon Have Got
Range on Austrian
City

ORDINARY BUSINESS
HAS BEEN STOPPED

Department of Commerce
and Industry Removed
to Vienna

London, Dec. 8.—Italian bombardment of Gorizia has almost put a stop to the ordinary business activities of the city. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says that the department of commerce and industry which remained in Gorizia until buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna.

Further victories for the Bulgarians over the Serbians are reported in a delayed official communication from Sofia. Apparently the Serbians, who retreated from Monastir, offered stiff resistance to the Bulgarian advance, but they are declared to have been everywhere driven back.

The presence of German troops in southern Serbia, near the Greek frontier, is reported in Athens advices. The position of French forces, which recently were said to have been falling back along the river Vardar in southwestern Serbia, is declared favorable and the British are reported to be holding fast along the Strumitza line.

Military and diplomatic representatives of the entente allies are continuing their war council session in Paris.

The capture of a French position more than 500 yards in length on hill No. 193, north of Souain in the Champagne district, is announced by German army headquarters.

The French war office statement says that in Belgium machine guns prevented the enemy from reconstructing field works previously destroyed by the French in the region of Hetses, and tells of other minor activities in different sections. Regarding developments in the Champagne district the statement says: "Fighting here is still going on for the recapture of positions occupied by the enemy."

FRENCH SUBMARINE LOST

The Frenel was Sunk by Austrian Warship.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 8.—Destruction of the French submarine Frenel by an Austrian warship is announced officially by the war office. The incident occurred near San Giovanni De Medua. Two officers and 25 of the crew were captured.

The Frenel, built in 1909, was 167 feet long, of 392 tons displacement above the water. She had six torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was 24 men.

ST. LOUIS IS SELECTED.

As Convention City of Democratic Party in 1916.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The Democratic national convention of 1916 will be held at St. Louis beginning Wednesday, June 14, at noon. The Democratic national committee last night named the convention city and adopted resolutions calling for the renomination and re-election of Woodrow Wilson as "the trusted leader of national democracy."

Chicago and Dallas contested for the honor of the convention, but St. Louis easily led from the start and won on the second ballot. When the trend of the voting was seen Texas moved that the choice of St. Louis be made unanimous. Dallas held second on the first ballot, but was displaced by Chicago on the second roll call.

It has been customary heretofore for national conventions to begin work on Tuesday. The fact that Tuesday fell on the 13th next year may or may not have had something to do with the determination of the Democratic committee to begin the proceedings a day later. The official explanation, however, was to the effect that the convention would not require more than three or four days to complete its work and it would not be too late in the week to start on Wednesday.

Political leaders in Washington regard it as virtually certain that Chicago will be selected for the Republican convention when the national committee of that party meets here next Tuesday. The date for this convention probably will be late in June.

Each of the three cities contesting for the Democratic convention put in a bid of \$100,000. St. Louis placed in the hands of the chairman, New York drafts for that amount. The advocates of St. Louis supplemented their financial inducements by a warning to the committee that the convention was needed in Missouri to keep the 18 electoral votes.

REPUBLICANS THE WINNERS

In Municipal Elections in 14 Massachusetts Cities.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Republicans were generally successful where national party lines were drawn in the election in 14 Massachusetts cities yesterday. In Marlboro and Waltham, Democratic mayors were defeated for re-election by Republican opponents, Louis Farley being successful in the former city and Eben J. Williams in the latter. The Republican candidates also won in the four other cities where national party designations appeared on the ballots.

E. Gifford and A. Vennell left the city today for New York, where they will visit friends for a few days before sailing on the French liner, Lafayette, for their former home in Switzerland, there to join the winter session. The Lafayettes, owned by the French company's lines, is due to leave the city in New York Saturday afternoon. The Barre voters expect to travel by rail from Barre to their Swiss home.

BLINDNESS IN VERMONT LESS.

Because of Scientific Methods and Medical Inspection in School.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—The second annual meeting of the Vermont State Association for the Relief of the Blind was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. W. Wales, 289 College street. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Prof. A. R. Clifford of the University of Vermont; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Ward of Burlington; treasurer, Henry G. Fuller of Burlington. Mrs. G. W. Wales of Burlington, president of the Chittenden county branch of the association, and Mrs. E. C. Smith of St. Albans, president of the Franklin county branch, are the vice presidents of the state association.

The reports of the officers for the past year were read and adopted, and plans were discussed for the expansion of the association's work throughout the various counties of the state. The number of blind persons in Vermont, which was 360, according to the census of 1910, is steadily decreasing, owing to the scientific methods now employed for preventing blindness in very young children, the medical inspection of school children and the increased number of children who now wear glasses. The state association for the relief of the blind, although in a prosperous financial condition and having done much excellent work in organizing in only two counties, Chittenden and Franklin, and the most important work before its members is the broadening of its labor zone by the organization of county branches.

MONTPELIER

Business Men's Association Elects George E. Anderson Secretary.

Directors of the Business Men's association, an organization distinct from the Board of Trade, although comprising members belonging to each association, met yesterday afternoon at the city hall and elected George E. Anderson of State street secretary to succeed Rev. H. A. Flint, resigned. A meeting had been called for last evening, but no business of importance was transacted.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held this evening and it is probable that action will be taken relative to planning the new steel and concrete bridge for the winter. The cement work will be finished to-night or to-morrow, but until spring, when the bridge will be paved, a temporary covering must be made to protect the cement flooring.

A deed was filed in the city clerk's office today recording the transfer of the Dwight E. Mason house on Summer street by Lucia Mason of Wyandotte, Mich., to Mary E. Atchinson, also of Wyandotte, Mich. The consideration was not given.

Chief W. A. Patten of the fire department has made out the yearly payroll for the 31 call men of the department and the same will be presented for approval at the meeting of the city council this evening. The 31 volunteers will receive \$35 each as the next meeting of the council occurs on the 22nd of the month, the money will seem like a Christmas gift.

Miss Mertie J. Clough of St. Paul street has been quite seriously ill for several days at her home and yesterday showed slight improvement.

A daughter was born Dec. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gomez of 235 Barre street. Miss Gussie Yett, who has been making an extended visit with relatives in Boston, returned home last evening and this morning went to Waterbury for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Morris Krinovich.

In probate court Vernon D. Griffith of Waltham was appointed administrator of the estate of Dan Lowell, late of Fayston.

William Clark of the General Electric Co., Lynn, Mass., gave an interesting talk last evening in the Tenney company club rooms on State street to a group of employees and officials, the subject being electric equipment and control for the Panama canal. The talk was illustrated and proved to be entertaining as well as educational. The talk last evening was the first of a series to be given during the winter months according to plans formulated by the Tenney company officials.

Miss Lena Piccoli of River street was taken Tuesday to Heaton hospital, suffering with appendicitis. Miss Piccoli was taken to the hospital yesterday afternoon by Dr. J. H. Hildreth, who was on duty as operator in the telephone exchange. She was able to walk home but grew rapidly worse.

Judge Erwin M. Harvey yesterday moved his safe and other office paraphernalia from the Holmes block to the Union block building, where he will have a suite of rooms.

Daniel Campbell went to Burlington this morning on a business trip in the interests of the Capital Hardware Co.

Guy Wilkins of Montpelier returned today to his home after a brief visit in the city with friends.

Miss Emma Carey and Miss Audrey Carey of Northfield street have returned from New York City, where they went two weeks ago for a visit with relatives.

Plans for a basketball game between the recently organized Logan Squares of this city and Golden Seminary of Barre, to be held in Armory hall Friday evening, fell through when it was learned that the Shriners had engaged the hall for the evening. The game will probably be played later.

Misses Ruby Theriault and Phyllis Hill announced the opening of the Harper Parlor for shampooing, manicuring, facial massage and scalp treatment by the Martha Matilda Harper method, at 43 State street, Montpelier, Vt. Phone 433-M.

Assistant Judges Dale and Dana of Washington county court met at Montpelier today to hold court for a few days in order to hear divorce cases. It is probable that they will remain there until Saturday. The first case heard was that of Eva Grand vs. Lewis Grand. The ground on which divorce was sought was desertion, the wife asserting that he left her last January after a quarrel.

In Montpelier city court today the case of James Boyte, charged with breaking and entering, was set for a hearing one week from today.

Dr. Stewart L. Goodrich of Waterbury has settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Helen L. Burdette, late of Waterbury, and Edward M. W. Burdette, late of Burlington, has been appointed guardian of John Burdette and Kenneth Burdette of Burlington.

COMMUNIPAW
PERHAPS SAFE

American Oil Steamer Was
Reported Sunk by
a Submarine

REACHED ALEXANDRIA
SUNDAY OR MONDAY

Lloyds' in London Reports
She Arrived There on
the Latter Day

New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparently confirmation of the report received by Lloyds' in London that the steamer Communipaw is safe, was received today at the Standard Oil company offices. The message said that the Communipaw reached Alexandria on Sunday and would sail on Tuesday for New York.

Whether a mistake was made in reporting that the Communipaw was torpedoed or whether she was starting on her homeward voyage the company officials can only conjecture.

Lloyds' Gets Report on Communipaw.
London, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by Lloyds', says:

"The American steamer Communipaw, reported sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, arrived in Alexandria Monday, and if the reported torpedoing of the steamer is substantiated, she must have discharged her cargo and started on her way to another port when attacked."

STRUCK WOMAN ON
HEAD WITH STICK

Mrs. Helen Boutwell Received Fracture of
Skull in Blow Which Probably Was
Intended for Her Daughter.

Rutland, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Helen Boutwell, aged 50, of Castleton was attacked while she was asleep in her home at 3 o'clock this morning by a man supposed to be Robert Davis, her son-in-law. Mrs. Davis, who is 17 years of age, from whom she separated two weeks ago in a fit of jealousy, was occupying the bed with Mrs. Boutwell, and it is supposed the man intended to strike her. The older woman received a blow on the head with a heavy stick and her skull was fractured, but she will recover. The man entered the house by raising a window. He escaped, and a warrant has been issued.

FROZEN BODY FOUND.

Harry Sidwell Probably Died of Heart
Failure While Fishing.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—The body of Harry Sidwell, tender of the drawbridge at Allen's point at the "long fill" between South Hero and the Winslow river, was found yesterday morning by a section hand of the Rutland railroad. It is believed that the man died of heart disease while fishing, probably on Sunday. The discovery of the body was not made sooner because the place in which it was found, below the bridge, was beyond the notice of passengers on trains.

The body was brought to Burlington yesterday by Mr. Sidwell's son-in-law, George R. Young of Lakeside avenue, and taken to the undertaking rooms of John A. Corbin. Later it was removed to the home of his daughter, where the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with burial in Lake View cemetery.

Mr. Sidwell, who was a native of England, was employed in the Rutland freight house in this city for a number of years.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Basketball, D. C. V. vs. Montpelier seminary, Thursday evening, Church street gym, 10c admission.—adv.

Miss Florence LaPage of Prospect street received a pleasant surprise last evening when about 25 of her friends called to remind her of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in playing games and singing. Misses Isabel Read and Rosie Keith took a prominent part in the musical program. William Thompson, in behalf of the friends of Miss LaPage presented her a purse of money. The party broke up at a late hour with many expressions of good will toward the hostess.

A rejuvenation Barre Board of Trade is making plans for a banquet to be held sometime after the holidays, although thus far the arrangements are far from satisfactory and a number of continued well be required to determine just how the business and professional men of the city will support the project. It has been proposed to shape the plans that the dinner, which will probably be held at Hotel Barre, will take the form of a get-together affair, where those interested in the welfare of the Board of Trade can talk over in a neighborly way plans for the complete rejuvenation of the organization. Since the board got in its garrison work in paving the way for a new hotel, it has been dormant as far as outward signs of animation were concerned. There are a good many men who feel that the mission of the board is far from being fulfilled and it is not improbable that a meeting of the members will be called within a few days.

MINORITY SUIT DISMISSED.

Other Stockholders in Rutland R. R. Absolved from Wrong-doing.

Rutland, Dec. 8.—A decision by United States Judge Charles M. Hough of New York City which dismisses the original bill of complaint and completely absolves the defendants from any hint of misappropriation of funds or possible scheme to defraud was filed here yesterday with Clerk E. S. Plate in the case brought by John C. Spring et al. as executor of the estate of Andrew C. Spring, a stockholder in the Rutland railroad, on behalf of himself and 11 other minority stockholders against Dr. William Seward Webb, Percival W. Clement, John W. Stewart, Wallace C. Clement, Horace G. Young, Chauncey M. Dewey, Edward L. Rossiter, Arthur W. Rossiter, Frank H. Rossiter and Ernest T. Rossiter as executors of the last will and testament of Edward V. W. Rossiter, deceased; Farmers Loan and Trust company of New York City as executor of and trustee under the will and testament of Samuel R. Galloway, deceased, and the Rutland Railroad company.

The plaintiff's case was originally brought and argued by the law firm of Guggenheimer, Utermeyer & Marshall, while the defense was represented by Attorney Frederick H. Button for the defendant; Edwin W. Lawrence for the Rutland railroad.

Frequent charges by the defense that the case was purposely delayed by attorneys for the complainants are sustained by the history of the case which was originally brought in May, 1911, for the clerk's entries from the start show continual motions for continuance, while the taking of testimony dragged for years, because of the inaction of the complainants' counsel.

The original bill of complaint charged the various directors with the misappropriation of funds and also a scheme to defraud by stock transaction which covered the purchase of several railroads which formed the connecting link between the Rutland railroad and lines into Canada, opening up a possible big freight business from the West and middle west.

K. OF P. OFFICERS.

Paul Leavitt Elected Chancellor Commander Last Night.

Vincilia lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, held their annual election of officers last evening. The following men were chosen for the ensuing year: Paul Leavitt, C. C.; H. L. Campbell, V. C.; W. W. Parry, P. E.; Robinson, K. R. and C. F. Nichols, M. of W.; William Mercer, M. of F.; W. J. Clapp, M. of Exc.; William Black, M. A.; H. A. Richardson, trustee for three years. The inner and outer guard were, however, yet to be appointed. The rank of knight was conferred on one candidate.

CREAM ALE AND WHISKEY

Seized at 79 Smith Street and Mrs. Josephine Polli Was Arrested.

A tenement at 79 Smith street, occupied by Mrs. Josephine Polli, was raided by the police for intoxicating liquor last evening, when a barrel partly full of cream ale and a small quantity of whiskey were seized. Mrs. Polli, who was arrested on a charge of selling illegally, furnished bail of \$500 for her appearance at a hearing to be held before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court later in the week. Officers John S. Murley, John W. Dineen and David Henderson made the seizure on a complaint registered with Grand Juror William Wisbart.

Features of Municipal Christmas Tree.

Unexpected support is being received on all sides by the committee working in behalf of the community Christmas tree in Barre. The following statement was given out by the press committee this morning: The community Christmas tree is of recent origin. It is only in the past two or three years that we have heard of them in the different cities of this country, where the custom of holding them is supposed to have started. However, the idea of the people of a town rejoicing as a unit at the coming of Christmas harks back many centuries.

A very pretty sign of the season that was carried out each year in the different Dutch towns is depicted in the following: The star of Bethlehem as seen in Holland is a pretty, but inexpensive sight, for it costs nothing. 'Tis the harbinger of Christmas, a large illuminated star that is carried through the streets, dark Dutch streets, shining upon the crowd of people, and typical of the star which once guided the wise men of the East. The young men of a Dutch town who go to the expense of this star, which, carried through the streets, is the signal that Christmas has come again, are prompted by the full intention of turning the star of Bethlehem to good account. They gather about it, and the poor from the crowd of people come out to welcome the symbol of peace, and having done this for the good of those whose fortune has not befriended, then betake themselves to the head burghmaster of the town, who is bound to set down the youths who form the star company to a very appetizing meal. 'Tis a great institution, the star of Bethlehem, in many Dutch towns and may it never die out, for it does harm to no man and good to many.

On the very top of Barre's outdoor tree is to be placed a symbol of the same idea for which the Dutch stars shine. We also hope to make everybody's tree at home here a great institution, one that we can look back to each year with pride and satisfaction and look forward to with hearts full of hope. We know of no harm that can come from it, but we know that it will come to be a great good that is bound to come where all combine their little pleasures to make one big joy.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Granite manufacturers of the Barre district turned their backs over to the town today and gathered at Manufacturers' hall for the annual meeting of the association, which opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock. It was thought this morning that 150 members, including Montpelier, Waterbury, West Berlin and Northfield manufacturers, as well as others, would be present. To a great extent, however, the meeting was a disappointment. The attendance was only about 80, and the meeting was adjourned to a later date. The meeting was held in the dining room, and there will be plenty of music until the dinner is finished. What is to follow afterward is a secret that is being jealously guarded by the committee. The customary post-prandial exercises will be omitted.

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OFFER EXCUSE
FOR ACTION

Germans Wanted Complete
Details to Please Em-
peror William

BECAUSE ATTACHES
WERE HIS PROTEGES

Boy-ed and Von Papen Were
Personally Appointed
by the Kaiser

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Emperor William has a personal interest in the withdrawal of Captains Boy-ed and Von Papen. State department officials have been informed that they were personally appointed by the emperor he probably would personally give orders for their withdrawal. It is understood that the officials considered it probable the Berlin foreign office asked what caused the action of the United States so that when a report was made to the emperor it might be complete in all details.

The belief prevailed in official circles that Ambassador Von Bernstorff would not be able to inform Secretary Lansing that the wishes of the United States would be complied with before Saturday at the earliest.

WOMAN BUMPED BY TRAIN.

Miss Bridget Armstrong Does Not Appear to Be Seriously Hurt.

Miss Bridget Armstrong, an elderly woman living at 69 Berlin street, had a narrow escape from serious, and probably fatal, injuries this forenoon just after the train due to leave the Barre station at 9:53 for Williamstown was backing down the yard toward Blackwell street. Miss Armstrong was returning to her home in North Barre, after a shopping trip uptown and had just stepped from the Blackwell street bridge, No. 13, as it is designated on the railroad yard map, when she was struck on the left hip by the end of the approaching baggage coach. A signal to the engineer, Thomas Farrell, brought the slow-moving train to a halt and Miss Armstrong was put aboard one of the coaches and carried back to the station.

It was thought at first that her injuries were serious and one of the first to be summoned was her brother, Peter Armstrong, a foreman employed by the railroad company. Dr. W. E. Lazell and Dr. M. L. Chandler were called and the Perry & Noonan ambulance was also summoned. Miss Armstrong appeared too dazed to tell what had happened and seemed to be unaware of the fact that she had been struck by a train. A cursory examination made it plain that her injuries were wholly superficial, but she was removed in the ambulance to her home and there attended by the doctors.

Owing to her age and the fact that she is a sufferer from rheumatism, it may be several days before she is able to get out of doors. Conductor Charles R. Simons, who was in charge of the train, believes the passenger coach, possibly the step, struck the woman's glancing blow. She was thrown to the ground, apparently striking on her side. When the train returned to the station, she was able to walk from the car, but was dazed.

FINE SALE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Given by the Ladies of the Baptist Church Last Evening.

Under the auspices of the social committee of the ladies' aid society of the Baptist church the church parlors were opened yesterday afternoon and evening to a combined sale and entertainment. The sale started in the afternoon and up until supper time the ladies in charge of the booths were kept busy waiting on their customers, many taking advantage of the opportunity to help the society purchase Christmas gifts at the same time.

The church was decorated with streamers of crepe paper in red and green to suggest the Christmas time and the booths were arranged in a tasty manner. The fancy work and apron booth was in charge of Mrs. Harry Bradley, the home cooking and preserve booth was presided over by Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. James Grieson had charge of the candy, and Mrs. Kidder served sandwiches and cake.

At 7:45 all sales were suspended temporarily during the entertainment, the program of which was as follows: Music by the church orchestra; reading, Miss Ethel Ingles; solo, Mr. Holt, instrumental duet, Mrs. James Grieson and Mrs. Kidder; solo, Miss Young; reading, Mrs. Fred Grieson; duet, Mrs. James Grieson and Mrs. Maxfield; music, orchestra.

After the program the sale was continued until the last apron and piece of home-made candy were sold, when the social was brought to a close. The ladies in charge of the affair once more demonstrated their ability to make a financial as well as a social success of whatever they undertake.

MURDER TRIAL THIS TERM.

Harlow Hatch to Be Tried in Caledonia County Court.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 8.—The December term of Caledonia county court opened yesterday with Judge S. Stetson of Barre as presiding judge. A grand jury was empaneled in the afternoon.

It is expected the case of Harlow Hatch, held for the murder and attempted murder of his employer, Sumner G. Brown, will early come to trial. Hatch's attorneys are A. Simonds, Seaborn and Graves.

DEATH OF "PHIL" HALVOSA.

Former Barre Stonecutter and Newspaper Man Passed Away at Quincy.

Philip J. Halvosa, an associate editor of the Boston American, and a former resident of Barre, whose earliest efforts in the field of journalism were connected with a local daily newspaper, died at his home in Quincy, Mass., late yesterday afternoon, after a four weeks' illness of pneumonia. A telegram received at 4:45 o'clock by Thomas Halvosa of Church street, a brother of the deceased, brought the tidings to Barre relatives and friends.

Mr. Halvosa's condition became serious more than a week ago and since the end of last week there were grave fears that death might be near. The fatal malady was of a kind known to physicians as frank pneumonia, symptoms of which are three distinct crises. On Friday afternoon he suffered a noticeable relapse from which it was thought he could not rally. Then he seemed to rally and until the approach of the third crisis his chances for recovery appeared brighter.

Besides his wife he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Grace Ordway of Quincy, Mass., and Lillian Halvosa of New York; and three brothers, Thomas Halvosa and William Halvosa of Barre and Albert Halvosa of New London, Conn. The untimely death of two sons in 1914 was a shock from which Mr. Halvosa never fully recovered. Philip J. Halvosa, Jr., died in March, 1914, the age of 30 years and the death of his brother, Walter, aged 16, followed in June.

In a very definite way Mr. Halvosa's career was a forcible example of what native genius and a determination to succeed can accomplish in the face of stern odds. From the ranks of labor he came to be a prominent figure in the Vermont newspaper field and later made for himself a place in metropolitan journalism.

He was born in Penryn, Cornwall, Eng., June 4, 1868, the son of William Charles Halvosa and Elizabeth Halvosa. When a very young child he accompanied his mother to America to join his father, who was a stonemason foreman in Westbury, N. Y. Later the family returned to England, and it was in the land of his birth that he received his first schooling. As a lad of 12 years, however, he came back to America with members of the family. For three years he lived in Westbury and in Quincy thereafter for seven years. His marriage to Kate Wall of Milford, Mass., took place around 29 years ago.

Having served his apprenticeship as a granite cutter, he came to Barre in 1900 and for a time was engaged in the manufacturing business with James Adie. As an employer and an employee he was a granite cutter in Barre for five years.

Then he left the stonemasonry to take up reporting on the Barre Telegram. His ability soon obtained more deserved recognition and while The Telegram flourished he was an important factor in getting out the paper each day. Later Mr. Halvosa went to Rutland and there edited the Vermont Union Signal, a journal devoted to the laboring interests in this state. From Rutland he went to Boston, where his Vermont training aided him in securing a position on the reporters' staff of The American. His advance was rapid and in a short time he joined the editorial staff. From time to time his pen was used with telling effect in behalf of organized labor, and for that matter any cause which he deemed worthy could usually count on his support. Mr. Halvosa was held in high esteem by his city contemporaries as well as by his colleagues on the staff of The American.

Here in Barre perhaps he is best remembered for his close affiliation with the granite cutters' association, an organization to which he retained his allegiance to the last. During his previous residence in Quincy he was honored by his fellow workmen with an election to the presidency of the branch and the strong advocacy of trade unionism which marked his conduct of the office there was conspicuous in his relation with the union in this city. Mr. Halvosa was a member of the Sons of St. George lodge in Quincy.

WELL KNOWN LODGE MAN.

Charles F. Stevens Was Member of the Knights of Pythias and N. E. O. P.

Charles F. Stevens passed away at his home, 14 Highland street, last evening at 6:15 o'clock, the end following an illness of 11 weeks. Mr. Stevens had been in declining health for more than two years, but it was not until Sept. 27 that he was compelled to relinquish his duties with the M. & W. R. Railroad Co., by whom he was employed for several years as a flagman at the Prospect street crossing. Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife; a sister, Mrs. Rowland E. Robinson of Ferrisburgh, widow of the slain Vermont soldier, and a brother, Timothy Stevens of Needham, Mass.

Mr. Stevens was born in Montpelier, or what is now East Montpelier, April 1, 1847. His grandfather, Clark Stevens, was one of three men who settled Montpelier and it is related of him that he was the first man in the settlement to call a town meeting, the meeting being held in his own log cabin. Clark Stevens, too, is credited with having erected the first church in Vermont, the old Quaker meeting-house which was built in East Montpelier.

At an early age Charles Stevens learned the carpenter's trade and was employed in New York state and Leavenworth, Kans., before coming to South Barre to reside in 1872. For a time he was employed in the South Barre saw and shingle shop. His marriage to Miss Elvira Blackader of South Barre took place in June, 1873. Her death occurred in January, 1892.

In 1874 Mr. Stevens had the misfortune to lose his right arm in a runaway accident on the fairgrounds in East Montpelier. He continued his residence in Barre and Jan. 3, 1898, he was married in Newbury to Miss Lillian Parsons. Around five years ago, Mr. Stevens was a member of Barre lodge, N. E. O. P., and belonged to the grand lodge of Vermont in the same organization. He was married in the Quaker faith, but had lately been an adherent of the Universalist church.

Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Boudreau, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be made in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

The deceased was a charter member of Vincilia lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, and a past chancellor of the lodge. He also belonged to the grand lodge of Vermont, having been elected three times grand master of the state lodge. He was a member of Barre lodge, N. E. O. P., and belonged to the grand lodge of Vermont in the same organization. He was married in the Quaker faith, but had lately been an adherent of the Universalist church.

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ENLARGE SCOPE
OF INCOME TAX

Secretary McAdoo's Scheme
to Gain Additional
Revenue

MARRIED PERSONS'
EXEMPTION \$2,000

And Single Persons'
Secretly Proposed to
Be Issued

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection were suggested to Congress today in the annual report of Secretary McAdoo as means by which the greater part of the additional revenue needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limits so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000, and single persons with \$2,000. The exemptions now are \$4,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

Increases in the collection force, a requirement that returns be made of gross income in place of net income, and a change so that the tax shall not be withheld at the source, were among Mr. McAdoo's other suggestions. He made no estimate of the number of persons who might be taxed if the amendments were adopted nor the amount that might be expected, but in connection with his request for a larger collection force, he pointed out that examination of the past personal and corporation returns showed that 63 per cent of those inspected disclosed that additional tax was due the government. On the basis of the examination, the secretary says that apparently more than \$4,000,000 in personal tax and more than \$20,000,000 in corporation tax still is due the government.

"Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are without doubt, wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the government is losing through inaccurate returns and evasions of the law a sum many times greater than the cost of the necessary field force to investigate and check the returns and to bring to account those who are failing to make returns as required by law."